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SUBJECT: LIBYAN PRESS REPORT ON PALESTINIAN NATIONAL
COUNCIL MEETING

1. LIBYAN DAILY "AL BALAGH", IN DISPATCH FROM ITS CORRESPONDENT IN CAIRO, HAS REPORT OF DEBATES IN PALESTINIAN NATION COUNCIL MEETINGS. PAPER SAYS THAT DEBATES JUNE 2-3 REVOLVED AROUND FIRST ARTICLE OF PLO MEMORANDUM. AS CARRIED BY "AL BALAGH", FIRST ARTICLE, WHICH PRE-SUMABLY IS RECOMMENDATION, READS: "RE-AFFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS POSITION OF THE PLO WITH REGARD TO RESOLUTION 242, WHICH SELLS CHEAPLY THE ARAB AND PALESTINIAN NATIONAL RIGHTS (WATANNIYAH WA QAWMIYYAH) OF OUR PEOPLE, AND TREATS THE CAUSE OF OUR PEOPLE AS A REFUGEE PROBLEM. THUS REFUSAL TO DEAL WITH THIS RESOLUTION ON ANY BASIS AND AT ANY LEVEL, WHETHER INTERNATIONAL OR ARAB, INCLUDING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE".

2. "AL BALAGH" CITES SALAH KHALAF AND NAIF HAWATMEH AS SAYING THAT ANY AMENDMENTS TO PLO MEMORANDUM BY THE COUNCIL WOULD BE "TRIFLING". PAPER ALSO SAYS THAT DURING JUNE 3 EVENING AND MORNING SESSIONS THERE WAS
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HEATED DEBATE OVER PLO MEMORANDUM, BUT COMMENTS THAT

DESPITE THIS THERE IS STRONG PROBABILITY OF APPROVAL
OF PLO MEMORANDUM "AFTER AMENDMENT". PAPER NOTES THAT
FINAL DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ARE NOT EXPECTED
TO BE ANNOUNCED BEFORE JUNE 7.
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